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L.A.Q. - Law and Order Maintenance - Legislative Assembly Question - Starred - Number of R.S.S.S. and Muslim League National Guards - Papers - Recorded.

Detention of R.S.S.S. persons and Muslim National Guards.

*47 Q.-P.K. Moideen Kutty Sahib Bahadur:

Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state --

(a) the total number of R.S.S.S. persons and the total number of Muslim National Guards detained at present; and

(b) the number of releases in each ?

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) -

"(a) One R.S.S.S. and 20 Muslim League National Guards are under detention at present.

(b) 365 R.S.S.S. and 31 Muslim League/National Guards have been released."

P.K. Moideen Kutty Sahib Bahadur:-"May I know how the Government can account for the low percentage of releases of the Muslim National Guards in comparison with the R.S.S.S. men ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi: "It is obvious. Sir. from the figures I have given."

Muhammad Raza Khan Sahib:- "In view of the fact that most of the Muslim National Guards have been arrested practically without a charge except perhaps that they were once connected with the Muslim National Guards, will the Government take courage to prosecute them if they have any other charges ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:--"I do not accept the premises that they were arrested because they once belonged to the Muslim National Guards. The charges were given and their explanations were received."

P.K. Moideen Kutty Sahib Bahadur:--"In view of the fact that the President of the Indian Muslim League has declared the Muslim National Guards organisation stands dissolved and in view of the fa that the organization has no activities at present, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of their early release ?

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"A formal dissolution or a declaration of a dissolution by the President does not mean anything. You must take into consideration their previous activities and their general attitude."

Abdul Hameed Khan Sahib Bahadur: "Will the Hon. the Ministe be pleased to state the charges that were communicated to the vario detenus and whether they have repudiated those charges ?".

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:- "I do not accept that the arrests are going on indiscriminately. Particular persons may have been arrested and fresh notice may be given with regard to that."

Sri N. Venkata Subbayya:- "Is it a fact, Sir that some of the National Guards released by judgment of the High Court have disappeared and gone underground to evade

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala

Sri V. Raghavayya:- "Is there an impression in the Krishna district that some Congressmen are interfering with the arrests of some men and release of others at their sweet will and pleasure ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"there are charges and counter charges to that effect."

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:- "I do not accept the suggestion that because once they belonged to the Muslim League they were arrested. It may be that the Government have taken the precaution when it was pointed out to them. The matter is there. This Province has a more vital interest in the Hyderabad Affair and we have to take necessary precaution with regard to that."

Mohamed Abdul Salam Sahib Bahadur:-"If a person is arrested immediately after his release is it not circumventing the law and a fraud on the constitution of the Province ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"This is not the first time. Previously also these arrests were made."

Sri R.V. Swaminathan:-"Is it not necessary to insist on these people to give an undertaking for good behaviour before they were released ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"If such an undertaking was necessary we would not have released them. Where we considered it was safe we released them.

Abdul Hameed Khan Sahib Bahadur:-"In view of the fact that the only charge against them was that they were once connected with the National Guards and now that the organization itself had been dissolved, will the Government be pleased to consider their release generally ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"An advisory council consisting of two High Court Judges and two eminent lawyers reviews these cases periodically."

Muhammad Raza Khan Sahib:-"Are the Government aware that Mr. Abdul Hafeez, an advocate, who was connected with the National Guards in 1940 and in spite of his repudiation that he had nothing to do with it is still under detention for more than six months and will the Government see that he is released when practically there is no charge against him ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"The fact that he disavows his connection with the Muslim League is not everything. It relates to his general activity and attitude of the person.

Sri V. Raghavayya:-"Are the Government aware, Sir, that the several cases in which Government have tried to circumvent the decision of the High Court only make the intelligentia and populace here lose their confidence in the Government

Sri S. Nagappa:-"May I know the reason why the Government repudiate the statement made by Sri Murthi as regards the indiscriminate arrests in Nellore and East Godavari ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"I do not accept the statement that any indiscriminate arrests were made in any district."

Abdul Hameed Khan Sahib Bahadur:-"In view of the fact that some of the Muslims belonging to border districts and having relations in Hyderabad have been arrested, may I know whether any Hindus who are having relations in Hyderabad have also been arrested ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"I do not think they were arrested because they have relations in Hyderabad. They were arrested because they were having relations with ubversive activities with Hyderabad."

Sri B.S. Murthi:-"Are the Government aware that a memorial was sent to the Government that indiscriminate arrests have been going on in Anterwedipalem firka of Razole taluk of poor Harijans and agricultural labourers and is it not a fact that these arrests were due to the instigation of caste-Hindu people in the place ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"A Memorial was receive but it does not mean that indiscriminate arrests were made."

Mohamed Abdul Salam Sahib Bahadur:-" May I know from the Hon. the Leader of the House whether the families of those persons who are detained ~~under~~ under this Ordinance are being given any allowances ? Even in the days of the Britishers, sort of allowances were being given to the families of the detenus."

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"Some orders were recently passed sanctioning some little allowance. A separate question may be put."

P. K. Moideen Kutty Sahib Bahadur:- "May I know from the Hon. Leader of the House whether the Government are aware that one Mr. K.K. Abu of Malabar was arrested even though ~~is~~ he is a Burma evacuee and was away in Burma at the timeof the organization of National Guards though he had nothing officially to do with the Muslim National Guards ?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:-"It is not necessary that one should have any official relations with the Muslim National Guards for being arrested. It is enough if he is merely connected with the organisation."

The answer to the L.A.Q. has issued.

The file may now be sent to the P.A. to H.Pr. for referenc while answering the question.

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Please see the curting from the printed proceedings of the Assembly at pp.7-10 c.f. containing the answer and other supplementaries to the L.A.Q. at p.1 c.f. The question has been answered on the floor of the House on 20-7-48. No further action is called for in this file. The papers may be recorded in a Ms. G.O for facility of future reference.

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